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February 28, 2013

Ms. Pamela Witty-Oakland, Director-Designate
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Subject: Bill 7 (2013) – Nuisances on Public Sidewalks

Dear Director-Designate Witty-Oakland:

Thank you for your participation at today's Public Safety & Economic Development Committee meeting. As a follow-up, I am writing to request additional information on the following items:

1. Homeless services and non-profit homeless providers that Dept. of Community Services contracts with to provide alternative housing/treatment and services: Please identify specific service providers that your department contracts with for homeless services, including the scope of their services, contract amounts, duration of the contract and location that services are being provided. Please include a discussion of grants that have enabled the provision of mental health, substance/alcohol abuse services that are provided, using City and non-C&C funding.
2. "Housing First" or Pathways Request for Proposal (RFP): Please provide a status update on the City's recent RFP for transitional housing, which was awarded to Waikiki Health Center last fall. Please include the scope of services sought, contract amount, duration of the contract and location that housing/services were to have been provided, as well as the department's next actions on this project. Please provide information regarding the level of funding that accrues annually in the Affordable Housing Fund, and the amounts projected for FY 14 and FY 15.
3. Please provide your department's recommendations for rapid re-housing, treatment and other services for homeless residents impacted by the implementation of Bill 7's provisions to remove public nuisances from sidewalks if your department believes additional resources or staffing may be needed.

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The PSED and IGA Committees are planning a joint informational briefing on the impacts of Bill 7, Resolution 13-41 and other alternative homeless solutions on March 15, 2013. We would appreciate your/your staff's participation in this informational briefing.

I would appreciate your department's written responses to the above questions by Wednesday, March 6, 2013, or as soon as practicable. Thank you for your timely assistance on this matter. Please contact my Senior Legislative Aide Lori Kunioka at 768-5072 or lkunioka@honolulu.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Carol Fukunaga", written in a cursive style.

Councilmember Carol Fukunaga, Chair
Committee on Public Safety & Economic Development